# In addition to protected research time, other benefits of the Portland fellowship include:

- Support provided to attend a board review course;
- Mock boards in preparation for board certification;
- Funding to attend nationally recognized 3day course "A Comprehensive Review of Movement Disorders for the Clinical Practitioner" in Aspen, Colorado;
- Support provided to present abstracts at ANN, Movement Disorder Society, or other related professional meetings;
- Assistance with obtaining Oregon license required to practice at affiliate (OHSU).
- Active with neurology department fellowship programs in other subspecialties

## **Fellowship Requirements**

Eligible physicians must:

- Have successfully completed an ACGME accredited residency program in Neurology
- Be board certified or board eligible in Neurology
- Have an active, full, unrestricted U.S. medical license
- International medical graduates must also have a current visa and appropriate
   ECFMG documentation

## **Application Process**

Submit:

- VA Fellowship Application and CV
- Letter of intent which describes your interests in movement disorders
- Three letters of reference (one must be from current Residency director)

First consideration will be given to applications received by October 15, 2008



To inquire about the VA Special Fellowship in Parkinson's disease and other movement disorders contact:

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Northwest Parkinson's Disease Research, Education & Clinical Center and Oregon Health & Science University

# VA Special Fellowship in Parkinson's Disease & Movement Disorders



Portland, Oregon



#### **Program Description**

Northwest Parkinson's Disease Research, Education & Clinical Care Center (PADRECC) at the Portland VA and the Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) Parkinson's Disease & Movement Disorders Fellowship provides two years of post-residency clinical and research training to eligible neurologists. Fellowship includes a two year didactic course on clinical research. Research opportunities can include basic science and clinical research. A third year of fellowship is available.

Fellows are important members of our staff, enhancing clinical practice, conducting research, and teaching medical students, residents, patients, and their families about movement disorders.

<u>Clinical</u> A large volume of patients are seen in our VA and OHSU movement disorder clinics, representing diverse conditions including Parkinson's disease, dystonia, Huntington's disease, ataxia, gait disorders, myoclonus and tic disorders. Having a large number of faculty dedicated to movement disorders exposes our fellows to a variety of teaching methods and clinical techniques. Clinical training in botulinum toxin injection and deep brain stimulation programming is an integral part of the program

Research Both OHSU and the Portland VA Medical Center (PVAMC) are highly regarded nationally for their outstanding contributions to medical science. As members of this prominent academic community, fellows will develop and implement a research project, publish and present research results, participate in grant writing, and participate in other scholarly activities. Fellows participate in the two year Human Investigations Program at OHSU. It offers a Certificate of Training in Human Investigation, and is designed to meet the growing need for clinical investigators.

<u>Education</u> Education activities enhancing clinical training include weekly journal clubs, seminars from visiting scientists and grand rounds. In addition, fellows participate in speaking events educating both clinicians and patients via the PADRECC video conference series and at support group meetings and other clinical conferences.



#### **Background**

In 2001, the VA created six centers of excellence, designated as Parkinson's Disease Research, Education and Clinical Centers, or PADRECCs following previously successful efforts within the VA facilitating the integration of clinical care, medical education, and research missions.

The NW PADRECC is a collaboration of the Portland VA Medical Center, the Puget Sound Health Care System, and the Parkinson's Center of Oregon at OHSU. Built in 1987, the PVAMC is one of the most modern in the country, and serves as a tertiary referral center for Oregon, Southern Washington, and parts of Idaho for the Department of Veterans Affairs. OHSU and the PVAMC are located atop Marquam Hill overlooking the city of Portland. The two institutions are connected by a 660-foot sky bridge.

As the state's only academic health and science center, OHSU blends education, research, and patient care with community service. OHSU's distinguished Department of Neurology places a strong emphasis on research.

The Movement Disorders group has traditionally been a strength of the department, consisting of MDs, PhDs, nurses, social work



staff, study
coordinators, and
administrative
assistants. As the
only significant
Movement
Disorders program
in the Pacific
Northwest, patient
referrals routinely
come from the

greater Portland area as well as throughout Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Northern California, Idaho and Montana.

#### **Faculty**

Faculty have joint appointments at OHSU and the Portland VAMC.

#### Joseph Quinn, MD

Co-Director, Northwest PADRECC Associate Professor, Dept. of Neurology, OHSU

#### John G. Nutt, MD

Co-Director, Northwest PADRECC Director, Movement Disorder Fellowship Professor, Dept. of Neurology, OHSU

#### Kathryn Chung, MD

Associate Director of Clinical Care, NW PADRECC Assistant Professor, Dept. of Neurology, OHSU

#### Matthew Brodsky, MD

Staff Neurologist, Northwest PADRECC Assistant Professor, Dept. of Neurology, OHSU

#### Penelope Hogarth, MD

Assistant Professor, Dept. of Neurology, OHSU

#### Steven Johnson, MD, PhD

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#### Jeff Kraakevik, MD

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